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RELEASE AGREEMENT ASSUMPTION OF RISK, INDEMNITY, AND ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

This document waives important legal rights; read it carefully before signing.

I have read and understand, and freely and voluntarily enter into this GENERAL RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, INDEMNITY, AND ARBITRATION AGREEMENT (the “**Agreement**”) in favor of Steeple Hill Farm (“**Operator**”), and all of Operator’s managers, owners, employees, agents, representatives, lessors, lessees, guests, invitees, licensees, licensors and insurers as intended third party beneficiaries: organizing committee members, judges, officials, agents, employees, contractors, and volunteers, (hereinafter collectively referred to, together with Operator, as the “**Releasees**”).

I agree, in consideration of my participation in equine activities at Steeple Hill Farm (hereinafter “SHF”) including, but not limited to, shows, exhibitions, and competitions (hereinafter the “Event”), that (a) equine activities and the Event involve inherent dangerous risks of loss and accident—including property damage and serious bodily and personal injuries and death to riders, bystanders, horses, and others (hereinafter “Harm”)—to participants, bystanders, and horses and (b) I further agree to pay any losses, damages or costs incurred by SHF and its owners resulting from my actions and (c) my participation in equine activities and the Event at SHF is voluntary and at my own risk and, further, that:

I hereby release, forever discharge, hold harmless, and indemnify (a) Operator and its owners, agents, employees, contractors, and volunteers, (b) all Event organizers/Releasees, (c) all Event hosts and sponsors, and (d) the owners of any and all property on which the Event is held (hereinafter, collectively, the “Event Parties”) from any and all claims, demands, actions, and rights of action of whatever kind or nature, in law or in equity, known or unknown, arising from or related to any Harm, even if the Harm arose from or was related to, directly, or indirectly, the negligence of the Operator or Event Parties. SHF strongly encourages the use of protective equipment.

For my children not riding or competing, I assume responsibility for supervising my children to keep them safe, out of pastures, away from horses and barn areas while on the premises. I understand Steeple Hill Farm, its owner, employees and other instructors or visitors cannot be held responsible for the care and overseeing of my children while my children are on the premises.

This General Release Assumption of Risk, Indemnity, and Arbitration Agreement is given on behalf of (a) me, my spouse, legal representatives, administrators, executors, heirs, and assigns, (b) any child of whom I am a parent or guardian, their legal representatives, administrators, executors, heirs, and assigns, and (c) is a continuing release that applies from this date forward without interruption unless and until it is revoked pursuant to a letter to SHF sent, return receipt requested, to the address above. **(Parent/ guardian must sign if rider/non-rider is under 18.)**

Photograph Release: I grant to Steeple Hill Farm, its representatives, and employees the right to take photographs of me/my children in connection with the above-identified subject. I authorize Steeple Hill Farm, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically. I agree that Steeple Hill Farm may use such photographs of me/my children with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Website content.

Rider/or Non-Rider (**Print name**) _____
(I have read and understand the above.)

Parent or guardian (**Print name**) _____
(Parent/guardian if above is under 18)

Phone _____ Email _____

X _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Rider/or Non-Rider (Parent/guardian if under 18)

WARNING

Under North Carolina Law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities.

Chapter 99E of the North Carolina General Statutes